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Sheriff's FY 09-10 Budget Curtailments:

The proposed budget contained \$31.6 million in budget curtailments to the Sheriff's Department which consists of cuts to various administrative vacant positions. The adopted budget contained an additional \$47.2 million in curtailments, \$22.2 million will likely be achieved through various efficiencies in programs, but the remaining \$25 million in cuts were to be worked out by exploring various options by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Sheriff.

While the Sheriff has the authority to make the final decision as to where to apply the \$25 million in cuts, it is not prudent and it exacerbates the anticipated rise in crime given the economic downturn to close a jail facility. Instead of taking such a drastic measure that compromises public safety, all other options must be exhausted. It may take a few weeks to close a jail but years to re-open it. The Sheriff and the CEO should work collaboratively to explore and identify other viable solutions between now and final book closing in September, including allowing the Sheriff to keep all or a portion of his projected fund balance of \$4 to \$6 million.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors request the Sheriff and the Chief Executive Officer to work collaboratively between now and September to identify viable alternatives, excluding any cuts to unincorporated patrols, COPS teams and closing jail facilities but including the feasibility of allowing the Sheriff to keep all or a portion of his fund balance, and report back to the Board in advance of book closing in September.

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